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Prior Application Art Unit: 2831  
Prior Application Examiner: Not yet assigned

SIR: This is a request for filing a ☒ Continuation ☐ Continuation-in-Part ☐ Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/971,766, filed October 9, 2001, of Sergio BELLi et al., for ELECTRICAL CABLE WITH SELF-REPAIRING PROTECTION.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application, including the drawings, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 09/971,766, as originally filed on October 9, 2001. Also enclosed is a true copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney of prior application Serial No. 09/971,766.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125.
3. ☐ Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 1.22(b)(2)(B)(i).
4. ☐ Cancel Claims [Text].
5. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment, an Appendix to Preliminary Amendment Dated January 29, 2002, and a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment and Request That an Interference Be Declared are enclosed.
6. ☒ The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 5 above.

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$ 740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	19	-	20	0	x \$18	\$0.00
Independent Claims	5	-	3	2	x \$84	\$168.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$280	\$0.00
Subtotal						\$ 908.00
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7. ☒ A check in the amount of \$908.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
8. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or to credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application, to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
9. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the following new paragraph:
- This is a ☐ continuation ☐ division of application Serial No.[Text], filed [Date] **[LIST ALL PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS IN CHAIN INCLUDING ANY PRIOR PCT APPLICATIONS, and their status], [and claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application no. 60/[Text], filed [Date],] [all of which are] [which is] incorporated herein by reference.**
10. ☒ A Request for Approval of Drawing Change is enclosed.
11. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: PIRELLI CAVI E SISTEMI S.p.A.
12. ☒ Priority of application Serial No. 98103767.4, filed March 4, 1998, in the European Patent Office, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy
- ☐ is enclosed or ☒ is on file in prior application Serial No. 09/261,505, filed on March 3, 1999.
13. ☐ A verified statement claiming small entity status
- ☐ is enclosed or ☐ is on file in the prior application.
14. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), a Form PTO 1449, and thirty-five (35) documents are enclosed.
15. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following: FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., Douglas B. Henderson, Reg. No. 20,291; Ford F. Farabow, Jr., Reg. No. 20,630; Arthur S. Garrett, Reg. No. 20,338; Donald R. Dunner, Reg. No. 19,073; Brian G. Brunsvold, Reg. No. 22,593; Tipton D. Jennings, IV, Reg. No. 20,645; Jerry D. Voight, Reg. No. 23,020; Laurence R. Hefter, Reg. No. 20,827; Kenneth E. Payne, Reg. No. 23,098; Herbert H. Mintz, Reg. No. 26,691; C. Larry O'Rourke, Reg. No. 26,014; Albert J. Santorelli, Reg. No. 22,610; Michael C. Elmer, Reg. No. 25,857; Richard H. Smith, Reg. No. 20,609; Stephen L. Peterson, Reg. No. 26,325; John M. Romary, Reg. No. 26,331; Bruce C. Zotter, Reg. No. 27,680; Dennis P. O'Reilley, Reg. No. 27,932; Allen M. Sokal, Reg. No. 26,695; Robert D. Bajefsky, Reg. No. 25,387; Richard L. Stroup, Reg. No. 28,478; David W. Hill, Reg. No. 28,220; Thomas L. Irving, Reg. No. 28,619; Charles E.

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16. ☒ The power appears in the original declaration of prior application Serial No. 09/261,505, filed on March 3, 1999.
17. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
18. ☒ Please address all correspondence to FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-3315, **Customer Number 22,852**.
19. ☐ Recognize as associate attorney:  
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20. ☐ Also enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application, Serial No. 09/971,766, filed October 9, 2001, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

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Dated: January 29, 2002

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For: ELECTRICAL CABLE WITH )  
SELF-REPAIRING )  
PROTECTION )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGE**


Subject to the approval of the Examiner, Applicants respectfully request that Figs. 1-3 in the above-captioned application be amended as indicated in red on the attached copy of each originally-filed drawing.

Upon approval of the proposed change, Applicants respectfully request that the submission of revised drawings be deferred until after a Notice of Allowance has issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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